

Messrs E. & S. Horner,
Warren, Ohio.

Post Office Dept
27th Oct. 1827

On receiving the bids on the several post routes included in your proposal. it was discovered that a material error had occurred particularly, as regarded the bid made by Merrick, Ely and Diver, for post route 385. Their bid when you were here, was considered as embracing but a part, of post route 385, whereas it extended to the whole route - they proposed to run a post twice a week, in stages, the residue on horseback once a week of course. The same accommodation is given now, as was proposed to be given by you, for a less price - It is to be regretted that the error existed, but you will recollect, that the P.M. Genl distinctly stated, & repeatedly so, that if errors were found, they would of course be corrected - and from the hurry that was experienced from the great desire to dismiss the gentlemen, who were here on expense, and detached from their business. strict accuracy could be hardly expected - As we early apprize you of the error no loss will occur to you, on account of the conditional acceptance given you - If your own stage property fitted for the business the Contractors must buy it -

J. Grant, P.M.

27th

Tusculum, Ala.

I wish you to state the days and hours, that each mail arrives at and departs from your office. at an early day -

J. A. Lawrence, P.M.

27th

Camillus, N.Y.

Your letter of the 1st enclosing the contract of Mr Brown has been recd. - You will please to provide the postmaster wanted for your route, and charge the amt in your life -

R. C. Stockton, Esq

Baltimore, Md.

25th

You will please give the enclosed acceptance to Mr. Mill and let the Dept know of his fitness without delay. that other provision be made for the route, if he fails to fulfil his contract -

Post Office Dept
30th Oct. 1827

Thomas Shore, P.M.
Petersburg, Va.

I wish you to let me know the alleged grounds of the failure of the Raleigh & Louisa mail - if any excuse has been made or explanation given we wish to be informed - The looks will be sent you -

J. B. Taylor Esq. P.M.

Richmond, Va.

30th

Great pressure of business has delayed my reply to your letter of Oct. - The P.M. Genl has decided, that the publisher of a periodical Magazine is not entitled to receive news-papers free of postage; and that no other person, than one who regularly, and steadily publishes a news-paper, have a right to receive news-papers free of postage.

Augustus Cary, P.M.

Winston, Va.

30th

Your letter of Oct. is recd. - It is indispensably necessary to keep up the mail on post route 84. if it cannot be done for less than you state, that sum must be expended for the object - but we must know distinctly, for whom money is due on this route - and under what stipulation it is agreed to be paid - Mr. Croley claims pay - Mr. Tomney also - The facts are wanting to establish each claim before pay be made - Let me know who carries now, and whether a better contract than \$120 cannot be made -

W. Eichbaum, P.M.

Pittsburg, Pa.

30th

If a way mail postmaster for office between your office & Alexandria is not now used hand the postage for use on, upon the reception of this letter. let it be distinctly labelled - "Pittsburg and Alexandria" - so as to prevent the unnecessary detention of the mail -

John Marshall, P.M.

Sharonston, Ill.

31st

It is a pleasure in stating that it is intended to run a mail stage between your office, & Leaside, which the route will intersect the mail line, between Vincennes & Tennes, your citizens can then have a stage conveyance to Tennes, & on to Vandalia, &c, each week.

Post Office Dept.
30th Oct. 1827.

W. Bailey, P.M.,
New York City.

The Steam boat lately paper Hudson without leaving the mail, to the serious inconvenience of the Citizens of Hudson. Please mention the subject to Mr. Hoffmann who must satisfactorily explain -

Wm. H. Rowlett, P.M.,
Amelia Co. H. Va.

I wish you to direct the mail carrier to visit the P. Office at "Office Town" - If he fails to do so you will report his name promptly to this Dept. and the P. M. Genl. will require his immediate resignation, and in addition fine his employer for his carriers negligence. A carrier is alike bound to visit all offices established on his post route, whether inserted in the Contract or not and he is subject to the same penalties. I wish your reply.

Mr. James Dupree
Franklin, Va.

It is desirable to have the service now performed by you, done in two & a half days - & which may be done with entire convenience for you & with advantage for the public, and unless it be done, it is probable that a route higher up the river may obtain a preference to yours, for at least one trip a week - I wish your immediate reply so as to enable the P. M. Genl. to settle on the best course to be pursued.

Mr. Augustus Porter,
Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Your letter of the 9th inst. satisfactorily shows the propriety of directing Mr. Hitchcock to resume his former route to Manchester or Niagara Falls, and he is directed to resume ^{said} route accordingly -

Henry Little, P.M.,
Bucksport, Me.

Mr. Jones is apprized of the inconvenience that results from his late arrivals by the Bucksport route, and those delays show the superiority of the direct road over the circuitous one - On what terms can a special mail be sent between your office and Belfast so as to establish three mails in that way to Portland?

Post Office Dept.
30th Oct. 1827.

Mr. John Hitchcock
near Lockport, N. Y.

The change made in your route authorizing you to stop at "Lewistown" instead of "Niagara Falls" or "Manchester" has caused much dissatisfaction - The change must be considered as rescinded and you will by or before the 1st of next Decr. convey the mail as heretofore to Niagara Falls or Manchester, and if you do not convey the mail by stage or skiff either way do so -

Mr. John Moring,
Raleigh, N. C.

Your letter of Oct. 24th is recd. - If you had in use the requisite number of teams, before the reception of my letter of Sept. 26th I cannot perceive how you should have a call to add another team to your line - and the P. M. Genl. says he cannot consent to grant the allowance until the result is fully explained -

Mr. C. Sawyer, Esq.
Edenton, N. C.

I re-enclose your bond, and contract, amended agreeably to your request - you will be paid at the rate of fifty two dollars a year for the change of one route from Summerton to Suffolk - you will of course accommodate or supply the Office at Gates C. H. with a weekly mail - If the schedule prove unsatisfactory to the P. Masters, they will be subject to changes - We cannot pay you until your bond & contract be executed & returned to the Dept. -

Sol. M. Analtig, P.M.,
Green Village, Pa.

If your Citizens will be satisfied with getting mails two or three times a week only, the P. M. Genl. will not object to the accommodation you request on your own account.

Isaac W. White, Esq.
Scotland, Va.

Your letter of the 16th is recd. You can extend your mail route to Canterbury on the Sabbath & from the day the service begins your pay will be increased thirty five dollars a year - To obtain the credit, we shall want a voucher from a P. Master, stating the day you begin -

Post Office Dept
30th Oct. 1827

J. P. Erwin, P.M.,
Nashville, Tenn.

We are favored with your letters of the 10th and 12th inst. - As soon as we get the information you propose to give us we will pay Mr. Meyer for the services he has rendered and forward him a Contract also - I shall be particularly obliged if you will give me information how any post route or post routes may be abridged within your knowledge - as our knowledge is imperfect, as regards many of the routes we no doubt commit errors - and which we wish to correct, and to pay for no services, not actually necessary -

P.B.

Genl. S. McKean,
Burlington, Pa.

31st

Before yours of the 18th inst. was recd. we had drawn a contract with Mr. Foye for the mail route Wyandoming & Pitts. we therefore could not accept of Mr. Howard's bid - Mr. Kellogg Parsons will have a contract for the post route French Mills & Durmans at \$50. a year

P.B.

Mr. Seth Williams,
Cummington, Ms.

31st

Your letter of Oct. 25th is recd. You can have your mail carried per stage if the stage will suit, in the opinion of any two P. Masters on the route - our object is to make the mail as beneficial for the public as we can -

P.B.

Joseph Wagon, P.M.,
Leesburg, Ky.

31st

We have corrected the error about visiting Kendall as proposed in the late advertisement - If you will say where you believe errors are committed, as regards mails for your office, they shall be promptly corrected -

P.B.

Wm. Lewis, P.M.,
Cornwall Bridge, Ct.

31st

I wish you to inform Mr. Chamberlain that he will be fined ten dollars each week that he fails to visit your office -

P.B.

Post Office Dept
31st Oct. 1827

Mr. John Gentry,
Hagerstown, Md.

Your letter is received - The post-road referred to by you is provided for -

P.B.

Wm. A. Crocker, P.M.,
Machias, Md.

31st

Your communication having reference to the more speedy transmission of the mail is recd. - It is the wish of the P.M. Genl. to expedite it, and we are trying to ascertain the expense, that we must necessarily incur to effect the object you have in view -

P.B.

Mr. Ambrose Jones,
Kingston, Gen.

31st

Your letter of Oct. 15th is recd. - If you will punctually deliver the mail at Kingston before the hour of going for public worship on Sunday it will answer as well as 1 P.M. - the object is not to interfere with the religious duties of the P.M. or his ap't.

P.B.

Thomas W. Newton, P.M.,
Little Rock, Ark. (D.C.)

31st

In the month of Augt. last I addressed a letter to the P.M. of Greenville, in regard to mails being improperly detained at his office - Has the evil been corrected - If he wants postmasters send them - May I have your reply -

P.B.

George Robinson, P.M.,
Greenville, Ms.

31st

Are any mails detained at your office now for want of mail postmasters, or has the evil been corrected - which was particularly noticed in my letter to you, of Augt. last - (No mail should for any consideration, be detained a moment unnecessarily, at any P. Office - and it is the special duty of P.M.s to provide suitable postmasters when wanted, & to apprise this Dept. promptly of all errors on their discovery, that they may be corrected - Your reply is requested -

P.B.

Mr John M. Lean
Columbia, S.C.

Post Office Dept.
31st Oct. 1827.

If your drives would rise earlier and drive faster. it would save a repetition of complaints from Augusta, Ga.
P.B.

Benj^r T. Smoot, P.M.
Mobile, Ala.

31st

Your explanatory letter of Oct. 9th is rec^d. The error is to be regretted & we trust will not be again repeated.
P.B.

A. Dupuy, P.M.
New Orleans, La.

31st

Your trip to Mobile to ascertain the cause of the error about sending the mail in a wrong direction is praiseworthy. It seems that the sickness of the P.M. and the indisposition of the apt. led to the error, which will not again occur I trust.
P.B.

Charles Congdon, P.M.
La Grange, N.C.

31st

You will require the Carrier to visit your office and inform him that he shall be paid pro rata for his extra service.
P.B.

A. T. Judson, P.M.
Canterbury, C.

31st

Your letter of Oct. 20th is rec^d. Mr White has been directed to send you a mail on Sabbath.
P.B.

James Tomerville, P.M.
Warrenton, N.C.

31st

We wish you to ascertain the most favorable terms you can obtain for the weekly transportation of the mails between your office & Nashville. and inform me the result of your enquiries. Rock Mount can be supplied by a crop post.
P.B.

Post Office Dept.
31st Oct. 1827.

Mr William Mickler,
St. Marys, Ga.

Your letter is rec^d and it is a subject of deep regret that a contract has been erroneously made with you. We have no doubt but that the agreement made by Mr Bentham with you was founded on the best intentions & with a hope to do justice; but if you will apply to Mr Bentham for a perusal of my letter of this days date addressed to him, you will be satisfied that your agreement is bottomed on erroneous grounds. We will pay you for the services rendered.
P.B.

James Bentham, P.M.
St. Marys, Ga.

31st

I have rec^d your letter of the 6th. I regret that any circumstance is misapprehended in regard to the late contract made by you with Mr Mickler.

You were authorized to provide for the mails transportation on the Florida route, either temporarily, or permanently, as the case might require. The limit implied for you to go was \$950. and it was a fair presumption that if you made a contract, it would have been done soon after the letter reached you, authorizing the act. but it appears you did not take measures to make a contract until July. following the P.M. Genl. letter of Dec^r 1827. and you then agreed to give \$995 for the service which was by fair implication, not to exceed \$950. entertaining no expectation that you think of executing an order made in Dec^r. in the month of July following a period of six months. We then made a contract for the route. and to fully satisfy you that we believe Mr Prop was not apprised of your proceedings. I now inform you that we made the contract with Mr Prop in the same month that it appears you advertised for proposals to convey a mail on the route to St. Augustine. under these circumstances, there does not appear to be any ground to justify a reversal of our proceedings. The mail is now carried for \$950. & satisfactorily so, which is the limit fixed in the P.M. Genl. letter to you of Dec^r last & is \$45 less than you have proposed to allow Mr Mickler. It will be proper for you to pay Mr Mickler for the service he has performed and charge the amount to this Dept.
P.B.

Post Office Dept
Nov 1st 1827.

✓ Mr James Vandenburg,
Vincennes, Ind.

The P.M. Genl wishes you to begin a
third weekly trip between Louisville Ky and Vincennes Ind. on the first
day of next year. your pay will then be at the rate of \$4,200 per
annum -

P.B.

✓ Mr A. L. Miller,
Vincennes, Ind.

1st

The P.M. Genl wishes you to run three mails
a week between Vincennes & St. Louis on & after the first day of
July next. your annual pay, will then be, for that route \$6000.

P.B.

✓ Burwell G. Heath Esq
Rocky Mount, Va.

1st

Since the reception of your letter of
Oct. 25th the P.M. Genl has decided that the miserable horses, used by
Pilliman, & the failures consequent upon their inefficiency, in the present
& former cases. constitute a sufficient ground to supersede him, and
he will be shortly superseded. If he fails we trust that some P.M.
will keep up the line on account of this Dept. and promptly advise
it of the circumstances -

P.B.

✓ Wm Banks, Esq
Courtland, Va.

1st

Your letter of Oct. 3rd is recd and satisfactorily
establishes the claim that Courtland has, for a third mail, if it can be
obtained on reasonable terms. To enable the P.M. Genl to determine the
subject I have requested your P.M. to ascertain & report the expense, that
we must necessarily incur to carry your object into effect. partially - if
a proper plan is devised for the extra mail to Tusculum. your
object will be substantially effected & I trust the expense will be moderate, &
the special mail will consequently be established.

P.B.

Post Office Dept
1 Nov 1827.

✓ Mr D. Pilliman,
Martinsville, Va.

It appears that the week preceeding Oct. 25th
your mail horse from some poverty of flesh lay down in the road with
the rider & mail & could not proceed further for want of strength & muscular
power. this circumstance connected with several previous failures, has induced
the Post M. Genl to decide that a change of Contractors for the route
Liberty, & Martinsville is indispensably necessary. As soon as a successor is
found your services will cease of course - Until one is found, you will
continue, or no further pay will be made you - if you consider yourself
entitled to any, it is a subject of deep regret that you give occasion to make
this change - The mails must be placed in charge of men of probity, of
energy & who have means & disposition to furnish suitable horses -

P.B.

✓ Daniel Schradly, Esq
Hagerstown, Md.

1st

Your letter of Oct. 31st is recd. - Mr Newbome
will have to pay for the stage property used on the road at the close of this
year as others do & at its fair valuation -

P.B.

✓ Mr J. J. W. Buchanan,
near Halifax Va.

1st

I am glad you so promptly attend your plan
if you in fact incur extra expense by the change - it shall be repaid you, as
soon as the fact is established that your expense is increased & how much -

P.B.

✓ John Choice P.M.
Choice, Ginnett Co. Va.

1st

Your letter is recd. If there is a strong
objection at Athens we shall make a change to meet your wishes - we daily
expect to hear from that office -

P.B.

✓ Ezra Smith, P.M.
White Hall, N.Y.

1st

Your letter is recd. We wish you to ascertain the most
favorable terms that can be obtained for transporting the mail to Canada per Steam boat
with these terms we can compare our present expense of said mail, & see which way will
be most eligible -

P.B.

Benj. S. Leonard, P.M.
Mobile, Ala.

Post Office Dept.

1 Nov. 1827.

At what time will these trips be performed weekly, per Steam Boat, between your office & New Orleans - Does your mail connect properly at Blakely - Your reply is requested -

P.B.

Patrick Byrne, P.M.
Blakely, Ala.

10th

I wish you to state & without delay the days & hours that each mail arrives at & departs from your office - It is alleged that the connection with Mobile is not entirely regular, as it ought unquestionably to be.

P.B.

Is. Alford, P.M.
Fayetteville, Ga.

10th

I wish you to inform the contractor for the mail route to Mr. Antosh old place that if he does not employ a suitable carrier, & cause his mail to be faithfully carried, that he will be superseded and such pay, as he may suppose to be his due will be withheld - I wish you to state how the mails for your place &c &c from Middleburgh can be improved. Does the P.M. at the last named place give your mails a right direction? Does he send them by Mr. Donagh - If he is in error request him to correct it - Let me have your reply -

P.B.

Wm. H. Whitaker, P.M.
Courtland, Ala.

10th

I wish you to ascertain & report to this Dept. the expense of sending a special weekly mail between your office & Tusculum so arranged as best to subserve the interests of your fellow citizens - Let the days & hours be specified for this special mail & its price, which it should be understood cannot be accepted unless the terms are reasonable - This plan appears the best we can devise to meet the wishes of your citizens, and when the P.M. Genl. is desirous to accommodate - Your early attention to this matter is requested as well as your reply -

P.B.

Post Office Dept.

Nov. Oct 2, 1827.

Marshall Rainston, P.M.
Martinsville, Va.

The miserable animals used by Mr. Philliman, to transport the mail, occasion failures of the mail, & disgrace to the Dept. - The P.M. Genl. has therefore decided, to supersede Mr. Philliman & I wish you to ascertain the most favorable terms, that you can obtain, to convey the mail now in charge of Philliman - The Contractor must possess probity - energy - property & self pride enough to induce him to use horses of such strength & flesh as to carry mails & travel as fast as is necessary - The price it is presumed will not be more than \$320 a year & probably much less - We wish your immediate attention to this matter & your early reply -

P.B.

J. Mann, P.M.
Winn's Tavern, Va.

2^d

Your letter of the 27th Ult. is recd. - I wish you to procure a suitable mail postman and for the exp. mail, for and at the expense of this Dept. - it will constitute a proper contingent charge against the Dept. which you can enter in your account current and accompany the charge by a receipt for pay. A book will be sent you - The P.M. Genl. does not think it now advisable to add to the expenditures of the Dept. by establishing the additional exp. mails you propose -

P.B.

Oliver Pomeroy Esq
Country Ct.

2 Nov. 1827.

Jr.

I perceive no objection to your making the change suggested in your letter of Oct. of passing through Middletown to Providence on Tuesday Thursday & Saturday instead of the present days - Before you make the change you will consult Mr. J. W. White and see the effect the change may have on some part of his operations.

P.B.

Moses Rowley Esq
P.M. Governor N.Y.

2 Nov. 1827

I wish you to ascertain the terms for which the stage proprietors will carry the mail 2 a week between Watertown & Ogdensburg, if the terms are moderate it is probable they will be accepted -

P.B.

Post Off Dep
C. of M. C. Nov 2. 1847

✓ Capt. Lee Esq P.M.
Watertown N.Y.

I wish you to ascertain the terms for which the Stage company of Ogdensburg will carry two mails a week, and I wish you to state the route through which the stages pass the name also of the stage proprietor. your early attention is desired
P.B.

✓ Mr Josiah Parks
Litchfield Ct.

Nov 2nd

Your letter of Oct 20th is received if the good people will not improve the road, and keep it in such repair, as will enable you to run a stage safely through the village, they can have no reason to complain, if they receive but one mail a week, on horse backs, that is each way, viz on going to & returning from Hartford. I wish you to communicate the substance of this letter to the P.M. of Burlington
P.B.

✓ Hon E. F. Chambers
Chestertown Md.

2nd Nov.

Your letter of Oct 29th is recd. It is not contemplated to change the plan which is now pursued in the transportation of the mail between Easton Md and Wilmington Del. as regards the accommodations of Chestertown
P.B.

✓ Amos Sprague Esq

2nd Nov.

✓ P.M. McIntosh's Old Place Ga

Your letter is received we have taken measures to correct the evil complained of as regards the mails tardy movements & the improper movements of the mail carrier
P.B.

Post Off Dep.
Nov. 2. 1847

✓ Joseph E Sprague Esq
P.M. Salem Ms.

The P.M. Genl. has examined your letter and others touching the claim of Potter & Thompson to the Marble head contract - and he is of opinion that Potters claim is sustained for it appears he bought Thompsons horses when Thompson could not drive them - he has carried the mail, & faithfully so - he still owns the stage property and carries the mail - his proposal is a fair one, to give up his right to Thompson, if he will buy his stage property - unless he does Potter has clearly a right to the contract - and sympathies must not lead us to decide wrongfully
P.B.

✓ Eleazer Earley Esq
Brunswick Ga

2nd Nov

Your letter of the - ulto is recd if the P.M. of St Marys, is satisfied, that the receipt of the Savannah mail at 11 A.M. on Saturdays and its departure at 2 P.M. same day, will serve the public there can be no objection to the plans being adopted - please to state the month & day you began so that the contract may be completed - about the pay I believe all will be right - let us know your day & hour of arrival and departure from Brunswick
P.B.

✓ Capt. Dyer Esq P.M.
Dyers Store Va.

2nd Nov

The late change made and to which your remarks apply was done to further the wishes of the Editor of the Charlottesville newspaper and with a belief that the public would thereby be benefited. A change of the new route must be made to correspond with the change above alluded to
P.B.

Mr Wm F. Rowd,
Chillicothe, Ohio.

Post Office Dept
5 Nov 1827.

Since your departure it appears that James B. Webster of Washington Ohio offered to convey the mail on Post route No 301 (your present route) for \$250 a year, and his proposal is accepted. It is somewhat singular that this circumstance escaped all examinations - The proposal is now accepted sent to him which was \$45 less than your proposal -

Charles Lovell, Esq
Ellsworth, Me.

5th

P.B.

I have noticed a paragraph published in your paper of Oct. 17th having reference to the late arrival of one of your mails from the Westward - I trust a change will be effected soon, & that the main mail pass on the direct road between Belfast & Bucksport - The necessary steps preparatory to a change, have been taken & we daily look for such information as will enable us to make a correct decision upon the subject.

P.B.

Messrs C & P. Mallett,
Fayetteville, N. C.

5th

Your letter of Oct. 30th has occasioned surprise. We cannot find that Mr Davis had a compensation about conveying the mail between Fayetteville & Cheraw, certain it is he had no intimation of receiving a contract or pay for carrying the mail, & we know not what stage he can withdraw from any line. Our business was so pressing when Mr Davis was here, we had very little opportunity of conversing with him upon any subject - We are entirely satisfied with your arrangements for the above road.

P.B.

Archibald Jones, P.M.
Frankfort, Me.

5th

We are without your reply to a letter of Oct 6 in regard to expediting the mail between Portland & Bucksport. The principal object was to run from Portland to Belfast in a day - Messrs Hale and Waterhouse are as respects their interest & concern, willing to adopt the plan - Your reply is anxiously looked for.

P.B.

Post Office Dept
5 Nov 1827.

Joseph Williamson, P.M.
Belfast, Me.

I wish you to state the usual time of arrival of each mail, at your office, & also of their departure from it, stating the days & hours. I wish you to ascertain, & inform me, the lowest sum, for which a mail can be sent direct to Bucksport - so as to establish three mails a week on the direct route - An early reply is desired.

P.B.

D. B. Maccomb, Esq
Tallahassee, Fla.

6th

The P.M. Genl wishes the mail conveyed between Milledgeville and Tallahassee carried in stages, and proposes to give you instead of your present compensation, twelve dollars a mile for your route - If for that sum you will carry the mail in a two horse stage, it is presumed that the encouragement, derived from passengers, will operate as an inducement for you to accept the proposition, especially when united with the mail money, offered as above. The road is represented to be excellent, & the extent of passengers who wish to travel very considerable - I will thank you for a reply.

P.B.

William Clark, Esq
Talent, Ga.

6th

The P.M. Genl is desirous to send the mail per stage, between Milledgeville & Piedmont (your route) & thence to Tallahassee (or in two horse stage) & agrees to give you for your route at the annual rate of \$12 a mile instead of your present compensation, provided you will convey the mail in that way. Will you accept the offer - if so when can you begin - if not, we wish your decision - An early reply is requested.

P.B.

Messrs Nourse McBlanchan & Ryle,
Dunnell, Ky.

6th

Your proposal to convey the mail weekly, between West point & Shawneetown No 462 was accepted, but it is desired that you convey two mails a week on said route - and you will receive for the two trips \$1100 a year - You will begin Jan 1st next.

P.B.

Edmanah Watson, Esq.
Post Office, N.C.

Post Office Dept.
7th Nov. 1827.

Your letter of the 11th is rec^d.
I doubt whether the expense of conveying the mail to Burlington can be
prudently augmented next year - however - circumstances may be such as to
justify such expenditure as will give you the necessary mail accommodation
with Burlington, N.C. -

P.B.

Wm. C. Lyon,
Eddyville, Ky.

7th

Your letter of Oct. 10th is rec^d in which you
say ^{that} you have transferred your contract to Robt L. Cobb for the quarter
of the year 1827 beginning Oct. 1st & ending the 31st Dec^r following, the
transfer is accepted, & your connection with this Dept^o as mail Contr.
ceased of course on the 30th day of Sept^r last. Mr Cobb will be considered
as your full substitute from that date -

P.B.

Benj^r J. Smart, P.M.,
Mobile, Ala.

7th

It is a matter of regret that the steam boat
departed without the mail on Thursday at 8¹/₄ A.M. as stated in your letter of
Oct. 17th - ordinary courtesy alone should have detained them till they got the
mail, but they are bound to carry the mail, and if they proceed without it
they must be fined, & I wish you to inform the agents of the steam boat line
that the company is fined for that failure fifty dollars. I wish you to state
the general time that each mail arrives at, & departs from your office, as for
days and hours. There appears to be some error in the connection -

P.B.

John Craig, P.M.,
Florence, Ala.

7th

I wish you to state the days & hours the several
mails, arrive at, & depart from your office. An early answer is desired -

P.B.

P.M.,
Tusculum, Ala.

7th

I wish you to state the days & hours, the several mails
arrive at, & depart from your office, I wish to find whether the plan could
be well improved or not -

P.B.

Genl Theodore Bailey, P.M.,
New York City.

Post Office Dept.
7th Nov. 1827.

The winter is fast approaching, & we wish
the best possible plan devised, & to be carried into effect - for the mails due and
regular transport between your office and Albany - When the Steam boat
navigation ceases, it is material - first to send the mail expeditiously and
regular - second to satisfy the public as to suitable times for arrival
and departure - Now what plan will be best & most satisfactory. Please
to let me know without delay -

P.B.

Genl Solomon Van Rensselaer, P.M.,
Albany, N.Y.

7th

I wish you to say what plan will be best
to govern the mails movements between your office & Albany the approaching
winter. The mail must travel expeditiously & regularly - and we wish it
arranged most satisfactorily as regards your office, & your fellow citizens - and
the P.M. & citizens of N. York. May I have your early reply. Did
you publish the advertisement last sent you, if so in what newspaper -

P.B.

P.M.,
Liberty Hall, Ga.

7th

The mail Contractor Mr. Boyd says the road past
your office, is so bad he cannot prudently travel it, with his mail stage - he
adds if the road is made good he will visit your office, if the objection made
is well founded, he has done right, if not - he now travels a road where
where he goes within a mile & an half of your office - cannot you take out &
put in your mails at that point and answer public purposes without much
inconvenience -

P.B.

Mr O. Johnson Jr
Cummings, Ms.

7th

Your proposal to transfer your contract
to Mr Lott Williams per letter of Oct. 30th is acceptable; and he will
from Nov. 1st be considered your substitute for the contract -

P.B.

Asher Mined, Esq
Westchester, Pa.

Post Office Dept
9th Nov. 1827

The P. M. Gent feels deep regret at being compelled to revoke the acceptance given you for route N. 142. Mr Williamson (brother of the P. M.) of Wilmington Del. bid for that route \$340 being \$15 a year less than your bid, & as the P. M. Gent having accepted Hazards bid for route 137 for your use, proposes, that you exchange that route with Mr Williamson. You will in that case retain your old route & Mr Williamson get his rights - as we presume he will readily make the exchange with you especially if you make it known to him, that the P. M. Gent wishes it. For routes 139 & 140 Mr Luscasser bid ten dollars less, than you did. Business bid being previously rejected as being from an insufficient person, could not be considered good on any subsequent route. You have obtained now or since you left here. 137, 143 & 158 - for route 149 we recd a proposal to convey the mail in a post coach & which is accepted. Your son Platt was underbid on the Columbia route \$200 a year - Snyder & Kelly have got a route & probably Kelly & Jackson may get one. On the whole you have succeeded well considering all things. I wish you had remained a few days longer, but it is too late to express regret - About the second mail to Harrisburg, wait till your brother arrives - let him look over all the matters as well as that route & all will be well.

Mr. Arch? Jones.
Frankfort, Me.

The P. M. Gent feels extremely mortified to receive so much complaint about the mails tardy movements to and from Buckport via Frankfort - the complaint is unceasing from some part of the road eastward of Buckport, & he considers it necessary to require of you to carry the mail direct between Belfast and Buckport three times each week - instead of proceeding one trip each way via Frankfort. The P. Musters at Belfast & Buckport are advised of the above change, which it is expected will be carried forth with into effect - as it is noted on your Contract. and you will from the reception of this letter be regulated in your mails movements as regards the main mail line to & from Buckport by the plan suggested in my letter to you of Oct. 6th I trust you will enter into these improvements with satisfaction as they will be highly beneficial to the public and yourself.

Mr Joseph Bell,
Newbern, N. C.

Post Office Dept
9th Nov. 1827

I wish you to state the most favorable terms for which you will convey a third mail each week between Newbern & Washington - and I wish Mr. Watson to state the most useful plan for governing the mail line - Newbern & Tarboro - Your early reply is requested.

Mr Wm A. Thompson,
Norfolk, Va.

I wish you to state the most favorable terms for which you will convey a third mail each week between Tarboro & Washington & to state the most useful schedule for said route. I have written a letter to Mr. Bell requesting him to state his terms for a third mail on his part of the route viz Washington & Newbern. If acceptable terms are obtained a third mail will be granted for the post-routes Tarboro, Washington via & Newbern - Your early reply is solicited.

John W. Barot, P. M.
Charleston, S. C.

It is alleged that Mr. Jeanroth takes his mail from Charleston - over night say 5 P. M. instead of 5 A. M. if so, no replies can be made under any circumstances - and we are urged to start him immediately on Northward - say at 7 P. M. from this side the Ferry - what are the facts - and if he gets the mail as alleged over night, from your office, can he proceed on and travel all night, to advantage - please let me have an early reply.

Mr E. Porter,
Richmond, Va.

The P. M. Gent wishes you to see that the whole road is covered yourself for winter to save all mortification from other or less energetic contractors. You recollect that there was a good deal of complaint last winter - about your departure from Richmond the period should be regular at all times so as to avoid complaint & irregularity in each direction.